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BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES



The Application of: YABU, Takayuki et al.

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Examiner: JACKSON, Cornelius H

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For: DISCHARGE ELECTRODES CONNECTING STRUCTURE FOR LASER APPARATUS AND
LASER APPARATUS THEREWITH

NOTICE OF APPEAL

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Date: September 16, 2003

Sir:

Applicants hereby appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the decision dated June 16, 2003 of the Primary Examiner.

The item(s) checked below are appropriate:

1. A petition for a _____ extension of time to respond to the Final Rejection is being filed.
2. A timely response to the Final Rejection has been filed, as provided in 37 C.F.R. 1.113.
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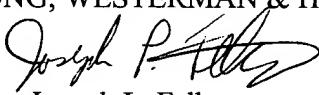
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